



**State Senator**  
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**Committees:** Judiciary (Chair); Local, Urban and State Affairs; Gaming and Casino Oversight; Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

**Biography:** Republican, of Georgetown Township; married; four children; former analyst, Dun & Bradstreet; businessman; County Commissioner; authored laws to protect abused children, strengthen family values, assist persons with disabilities, protect the environment, encourage recycling, reduce crime, reduce taxes, increase government accountability, crack down on drunken driving, strengthen conservation efforts and protect the natural resources, reduce domestic violence; require truth in sentencing; author of the Crime Victim's Rights Act, now used as a national model; twice successfully authored amendments to the Michigan Constitution (art. I, sec. 20 and art. I, sec. 24); his work has been a subject of The Pepperdine University Law Review; recipient of

four national awards, including "National Legislator of the Year" by the National Victim Center; named Michigan "Legislator of the Year" eight times, as well as over 80 additional awards; recipient of Honorary Doctors of Law Degree by the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University; in 1997 MADD established the "William Van Regenmorter Award" in his honor to be given to individuals and organizations who "exhibit outstanding leadership in the service of victims of crime"; elected to the House of Representatives, 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1988; elected to the State Senate, 1990, 1994 and 1998; Assistant Senate Majority Floor Leader, 1995-1998; Majority Whip.

